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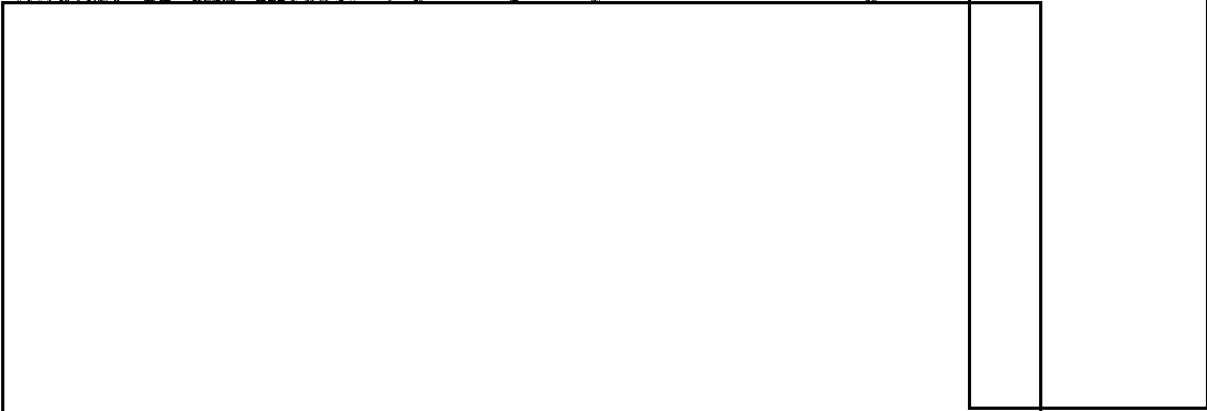
12 October 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
 FROM: Chief, Geographic Research
 SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of September 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Geography Division completed and disseminated two Geographic Intelligence Reports (GR 1-60-3, Paraguay, Part II and Part V) and nine Geographic Support Projects. Four of the Support Projects were done for State Department in support of the project on the Boundary Inventory File, and two were contributions to the NIS Program.

2. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 145 maps and charts and completed 83. Both completions and new jobs accepted during September were significantly lower than last month, attributable largely to the excessively heavy completions during August.



4. The Map Library Division forwarded 52,436 items to requesters in response to 2,019 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information. The total items forwarded in September was the highest of any month in 1960. Requests for materials on Laos, the Congo, and Cuba continued to be heavy. The current "Administrative Map of Africa" was distributed in 10,000 copies to the Army, 100 copies

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to each of two offices in the Department of State, 80 copies to the Management Staff of CIA, and an additional 920 copies to other requesters. The Navy Department was provided with two copies each of all CIA-published base maps and all CIA-published terrain maps.

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B. Planning and Development

1. DCID 1/3 on Priority National Intelligence Objectives was reviewed by GRA, and it was recommended that information on the capabilities and intentions of the Viet Minh be raised from Category III to Category II.

2. A meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee was held 22 September to consider questions of the NIS Committee on the proposed revision of the Chapter IX. Because the questions were related to working details that had not been discussed individually in the Subcommittee's report, the Subcommittee agreed that its action should take the form of a memorandum of explanation. A draft prepared by the Chairman was approved

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